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SUBJECT: FRASER HEARINGS - SUMMARY OF CONVERSATIONS WITH
HIGH GOES OFFICIALS RE HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: HICKS-WALKER TELECON OF MARCH 3

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF CONVERSATIONS IN THE COURSE OF WHICH RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF THE MISSION HAVE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF IMPORTANT SALVADORAN SECTORS USG CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND OUR PREFERENCE FOR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, I.E., FREE AND HONEST ELECTIONS.

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST. DURING THE COURSE OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM HAVE HELD MANY TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WHICH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS LED TO THE TOPIC OF THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND PROBLEM(S) INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS. ACTING UNDER THE AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE EMBOFFS USED THESE CONVERSATIONS TO REITERATE USG COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AND THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE USG AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE 1977 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

2. SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATIONS INCLUDED:

(A) THE AMBASSADOR:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1976 WITH GENERAL ROMERO, CHIEF-OF-STAFF GENERAL

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ROJAS, MINDEF GENERAL CASTILLO YANES, AND SUBSECRETARY OF DEFENSE
GENERAL HERRERA.

DECEMBER 2, 1976 WITH COL CLARAMOUNT AND MORALES EHRLICH,
OPPOSITION CANDIDATES

DECEMBER 7, 1976 WITH GENERAL ROMERO AND DR. ASTACIO, PCN
CANDIDATES.

DECEMBER 8, 1976 WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA, FORMIN BORGONOVO,
MINDEF CASTILLO YANES.
DECEMBER 26, 1976 WITH ANEP LEADERSHIP - RIVAS GALLONT AND DR.
GUERRERO.
JANUARY 3, 1977 WITH DR. CASTANEDA, SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.
JANUARY 9, 1977 WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA
FEBRUARY 1, 1977 WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA
FEBRUARY 2, 1977 WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA
FEBRUARY 9, 1977 WITH ANEP LEADERS - PRESIDENT LEMUS
O'BYRNE, RIVAS GALLONT, GUERRERO
FEBRUARY 10, 1977 WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STEERING
COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 14, 1977 WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA, FONMIN BORGONOVO,
SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA, MINDEF CASTILLO YANES, MININTERIOR MARTINEZ
VARELA

FEBRUARY 14, 1977 WITH COL CLARAMOUNT AND HIS PRINCIPAL POLITICAL
ADVISOR ULISES FLORES
MARCH 1, 1977 WITH ANEP LEADERS - LEMUS O'BYRNE, RIVAS
GALLONT, AND INDUSTRIALIST CHICO DE SOLA.
MARCH 2, 1977 WITH FORMIN BORGONOVO
MARCH 2, 1977 WITH ARCHBISHOP ROMERO
MARCH 4, 1977 WITH ARCHBISHOP ROMERO

(B) THE DCM:

AUGUST 24, 1976 (AS CHARGE) WITH GENERALS ROMERO, CASTILLO
YANES, HERRERA AND ROJAS
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JANUARY 25, 1977 WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA
JANUARY 26, 1977 WITH LEADERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY
FEBRUARY 22, 1977 WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA

(C) MILGROUP COMMANDER:

NOVEMBER 1976 WITH GENERAL CASTILLO YANES
DECEMBER 1976 WITH CHIEF OF AIR FORCE, COL REGALADO
DECEMBER 1976 WITH GROUP OF 10-15 SENIOR OFFICERS ARMED FORCE
FEBRUARY 25, 1977 WITH COL MORALES, D-5 OF ARMED FORCE
MARCH 2, 1977 WITH GENERAL ROJAS, ARMED FORCE CHIEF-OF-STAFF

3. THE TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN REPORTING
ON THE DEVELOPING POLITICAL SITUATION ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS (THE
POLSEC CHIEF AND THE DATT) HAD INNUMERABLE OPPORTUNITIES (AND
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEM) TO STRESS THE SAME MESSAGES. THESE
CONVERSATIONS WERE WITH ALL SECTORS, AT ALL LEVELS, THROUGHOUT
THE PRE AND POST-ELECTION PERIOD.

4. IN ADDITION TO THESE OUTSIDE CONTACTS, THE AMBASSADOR HAS

REPEATEDLY STRESSED THESE POINTS TO THE OFFICIAL STAFF. FOR EXAMPLE,
ON JANUARY 31, 1977, THE AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED THE GENERAL EMBASSY
STAFF MEETING THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT USG EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
FAMILIES DO OR SAY NOTHING THAT WOULD GIVE THE SLIGHTEST INDICATION
OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.
HE ADDED THAT EMBOFFS SHOULD RPT SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY
TO STRESS USG CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC
PRINCIPLES.
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